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*Gen. Cutler presents a quilted yellow ribbon to Capt. Marc Leask, commander of the 745th Explosive Ordnance Detachment, during the unit's homecoming at Camp Grayling. A yellow ribbon is displayed at the Joint Force Headquarters armory in Lansing for every deployed Michigan Army National Guard unit.*



*Gen. Cutler visits with Michigan Guardsmen from the 46th Infantry Brigade on duty in Bosnia.*



*Gov. Granholm and Gen. Cutler meet with hundreds of anxious families waiting for the soldiers of Company A, 156th Signal Battalion to return home after a 12-month deployment to Iraq.*

## ★ ★ From the desk of ★ ★ The Adjutant General

### The wonderful spirit of our soldiers and airmen

I would like to begin by reminding you of how proud I am of the Michigan National Guard family. Currently, we have nearly 2,200 soldiers and airmen mobilized. Some are serving here in Michigan, but most are serving overseas. I have had the privilege to visit many of our soldiers and I can tell you they are serving honorably and are doing great work.

I recently received an e-mail from the president of a Michigan college. He wanted me to know that he had tremendous respect for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces and he wanted me to extend his appreciation for your service. I think he reflects the attitude and feelings of the communities we all live in!

We are now entering what I call *phase two* of our involvement in the global war on terrorism. We find ourselves welcoming soldiers and airmen home, supporting those still deployed, *and* preparing the next rotation of deployments.

In the past few months, we have been delighted to welcome home more than 300 soldiers. Each homecoming has brought tears of pride to many eyes. I want to, again, thank those soldiers and their families for their exceptional service and for the tremendous sacrifices they have made to serve our country.

As we welcome home many of our members, we are reminded that many of our soldiers and airmen are still serving in very

hazardous places. We need to keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers. I want to especially recognize the families of the soldiers serving with the 1775<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company. That unit's extension was not welcome news for any of us and I can only imagine the additional stress and worry placed upon the families.

As we prepare for the next rotation, I am thankful for the wonderful spirit of our soldiers and airmen. They show up ready to serve and ready to do their jobs. As they do so, I'm also thankful for the "army" of folks here at home who work so hard to support all our families. Our rear detachment commanders, family readiness groups, and family assistance centers are doing a great job.

Our communities and civic leaders have also shown their support and have been generous in many ways. As a result, we have been able to offer emergency financial support to many of our families. Just as important, our families have networked with one another and have provided support to each other. Often, we don't even know about it but we know it happens and I thank you all for taking care of each other!

As always, I am tremendously proud to serve with you and admire the great work you do. You and your families are always in my prayers!

*Thomas G. Cutler*

*Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Cutler*



# ATAG From the desk of The Assistant Adjutant General- Homeland Security TALK

## Deja vu: The Guard's role in homeland security

Upon taking office, Gov. Granholm created the position of assistant adjutant general for Homeland Security within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The position, which serves as the governor's homeland security advisor, combined with the state police homeland security director, provides a fundamental, comprehensive system for the state's efforts to plan, prepare, respond to, and mitigate the consequences of terrorist events. Under this team-based approach, the director has operational control over state assets during a terrorist or emergency event; while, the assistant adjutant general is responsible for the planning prior to an attack.

These changes (to involve state agencies and employees in the effort to prevent terrorism) represent a shift in focus. Therefore, the governor has also created the Homeland Security Protection Board, composed of cabinet-level directors from various state agencies.

Within our new Homeland Security Directorate resides Military Support to Civil Authorities, the 51<sup>st</sup> Civil Support Team, Counterdrug Operations, Reconnaissance Air Intrastate Detachment, and DMVA Emergency Operations Center.

While these changes may be new, the National Guard's role in homeland security is not. Our citizen-soldiers have defended the homeland since 1774 when British soldiers attempted to disarm the New England militia.

And while the Guard's mission has not changed, the process and

organization for the Guard to respond to emergencies and terrorist events is evolving. The activation of NORTHCOM, just over one year ago, was a giant step in organizing the nation's military forces for homeland defense.

The creation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, with more than 144,000 employees, combines all federal law enforcement into one cohesive agency to provide homeland security. These moves have been referred to as the largest re-organization of the federal government since the creation of the Department of Defense. With the focus on homeland defense, they work to provide civil support to federal agencies assisting state authorities during consequence management -- recognizing the primacy of federal and state civilian institutions in homeland security.

In short, while there are obvious and expected parallels between the efforts of NORTHCOM and our state, the National Guard's homeland security role continues to evolve.



Col. Michael McDaniel



As Gov. Granholm's homeland security advisor, Col. McDaniel regularly updates the governor on state security matters.

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Col. McDaniel speaks at a homeland security training conference in Grand Rapids, Mich. McDaniel appears at many conferences throughout the year.



# Bullets

## Flying adventure

"Without Prejudice" is an adventure story about a pilot who flew during the Vietnam War. The book offers true accounts of a pilot's life that the reader may find hard to believe.

Author Ben R. Games, Ph. D., has served as both a warrant and commissioned officer in both the Army and Michigan Army National Guard.

Games has 737 flying combat hours and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, and the Michigan Medal for Valor.

His book retails for \$19.95

## Money for school

Looking for some extra money for school. Federal tuition assistance is available to soldiers on a limited basis. Soldiers must submit requests no later than 14 days after the start of the class. Anyone interested should contact their unit.



## Korean Defense Service Medal

The Defense Department announced the creation of the Korean Defense Service Medal. Legislation created the new medal to recognize military service in the Republic of Korea and the surrounding waters.

Members of the Armed Forces authorized to wear this ribbon must have served in Korea after July 28, 1954, to a future date yet to be determined.



## Operation family fun

The Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, Mich., is offering a complimentary family suite for any person who has served or has been alerted to serve overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom. The offer is available Sept. 7 through Dec. 16 (excluding November 25 through 27). Call 866-GR8-WOLF for more details.

## Warrant Officer transformation



Chief Warrant officer five rank will change from four squares on a black background (left) to a solid black line on a silver bar (right).



The branch insignia for all warrant officers will change from the Eagle Rising (above) to the traditional commissioned officer brass in the area of their technical expertise.

In March, the Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, formally announced uniform changes affecting the wear of warrant officer rank and branch insignia. The changes are effective on July 9, the 86th birthday of the Warrant Officer Corps.

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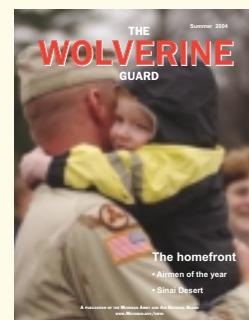
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Cover: Spc. Jason Windy, 1460th Transportation Company returns home from Iraq and receives an embrace from his nephew Hunter. Photo by Staff Sgt. Helen Miller.





# War is hell on the homefront too

## Deployment impact on marriage

*By Chaplain (Col.) Raymond E. Moore, State Chaplain*

Since September 11, 2001, more than 4,000 Michigan National Guard soldiers and airmen have been mobilized, and since the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom, more than 750 Americans have paid the ultimate price to bring freedom to others. And while Americans continue to debate and analyze the positive and negative actions of the global war on terror, the negative impact has taken its toll in another, less publicized, area: marriage.

Separation due to mobilization impacts a myriad of marital issues including finances, family, and fidelity. A long term separation will test the strength of any marriage. With a good marriage, previously ignored or tolerated relational weaknesses will be exposed. However, a shaky or weak marriage will likely fail.

Years ago, country and western singer Eddie Rabbet recorded, "War is hell on the home front, too." While the song focused on infidelity at home,

deployment experience has proven that infidelity is a battlefield issue as well. If marriage is not based on vows and mutual trust established before God, failure is predictable.

"If the military wanted you to have a family, they would have issued you one," maybe a familiar saying however, today the military understands the vital need for soldiers to have a strong, stable family and its impact on unit morale and mission. Consequently, family assistance centers have become focal points for many families and Religious Support Teams stand ready to assist with counseling and spiritual issues.

I believe that soldiers and spouses who have a living faith in God and the support of a local congregation are more likely to survive the negative impact of deployment and come through it stronger. I believe the military chaplain's motto states it best, "Pro Deo Et Patria — For God and Country."

# Diversity: How we adapt is up to us

## CDC hosts annual luncheon

*Story and photo by Sgt. Jonathan Stein*

Many members of the Michigan National Guard arrived from around the state to listen to guest speaker Dr. Samuel Betances at the annual Cultural Diversity Council Luncheon. He focused on diversity trends present in today's organizations and offered advice from experience. He also had one particular theme throughout the day -- change is inevitable...growth is optional -- meaning diversity is already within our organization and how we adapt to it is up to the individual.

When Betances asked the audience what the definition of diversity is, 2nd Lt. Terica Rusher offered, "Diversity is understanding the demographic shift in today's society and the cultural shifts in the all volunteer military."

The CDC hosts a luncheon every year. Both full time and part time Guardsmen and employees are welcome to attend.



*Dr. Samuel Betances talks about diversity trends in today's society during the luncheon.*



# Airmen of the Year

## *First Sergeant of the Year*

Master Sgt. David Eddy is a member of the 110<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron and has been in the military for 18 years.

In civilian life, Eddy is a detective sergeant for the Michigan State Police violent crimes unit.

Eddy holds an associate's degree in criminal justice from the Community College of the Air Force and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology at Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.



## *Airmen of the Year Senior*

Airman Lucas Freudenburg is an ammo, munitions maintenance specialist with the 110<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. He joined the Guard in July 2001.

Freudenburg is pursuing a bachelor's degree in business management at Western Michigan University and is expected to graduate in 2005.

Freudenburg served in Kuwait in 2002 for Operation Southern Watch and in 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom.



## *Senior NCO of the Year*

Master Sgt. Kenneth Grassel is an air traffic control watch supervisor at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, Alpena, Mich., and has served in the military for 18 years.

Grassel is pursuing a degree in business management at Northern Michigan University.



## *Retention Office*

### *Manager of the Year*

Master Sgt. Dale Nelson works fulltime for the 110<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and has 25 years of military service.

Nelson, a former recruiter, was also selected as the Retention Office Manager of the Year in March 2000.



*NCO of the Year and Production Recruiter of the Year* Tech. Sgt. Scott Liebhauser works for the 110<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. He has 12 years of combined service, joining the Michigan Air National Guard in May 2001.

Liebhauser has a bachelor's degree in human resource management from Park University, Parkville, Mo., and is currently pursuing a master's degree in organizational management at Spring Arbor University.



## *Honor Guard Member of the Year*

Tech. Sgt. Melvin D. Reyes is a unit training manager for the 127<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering, Selfridge Air National Guard Base. He has served in the military for 20 years.





In civilian life, Reyes is a flight attendant for United Airlines and is certified in electronic engineering technology.



# Commissioned officer education requirements

	<u>Minimum time in grade</u>	<u>Maximum time in grade</u>	<u>DA Board required</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
	2 years	42 months	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officer Basic Course</li> <li>Bachelor's Degree or actively pursuing degree</li> </ul>
	2 years	5 years	Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor's Degree required</li> </ul>
	4 years	7 years	Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Captain's Career Course, Phase I (Formerly Officer Advanced Crs)</li> </ul>
	4 years	7 years	Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>50 percent Command &amp; General Staff Officer Course (CGSOC)</li> </ul>
	3 year	5 year	Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CGSOC completed</li> </ul>
	1 year	MRD	NA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Service College</li> </ul>

# Warrant officer education requirements

	<u>Time in grade</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
	2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warrant Officer Basic Course</li> <li>Goal: Pursuing an Associate's Degree</li> </ul>
	6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warrant Officer Advanced Course</li> <li>WO Prerequisite Study Course</li> <li>Goal: Pursuing an Associates Degree and/or at least 30 semester hours competed</li> </ul>
	6 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warrant Officer Staff Course</li> <li>Goal: Pursuing a Bachelor's Degree and/or at least 60 semester hours completed</li> </ul>
	5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course</li> <li>Goal: Pursuing a Bachelor's Degree and/or at least 90 semester hours completed</li> <li>Must occupy a CW5 position</li> </ul>



# OP 3-11 taken over by the 1-125 Vikings

## 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry in the Sinai desert

*Story and photos by Master Sgt. Catherine Farrell*

Observation Post 3-11 is unique from the other observation posts: it's an island located in the Red Sea, just south of South Camp, Sinai, Egypt. The only way for Michigan guardsmen from the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 125<sup>th</sup> Infantry, and other Multinational Forces & Observers personnel to get to the island is by helicopter.

Staff Sgt. Jim D. Yuchuck, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 125<sup>th</sup> Infantry and OP3-11 site commander, is pleased with the location, however, the rugged terrain of the island and mine fields left from previous wars make it difficult for soldiers to explore the island.

Yuchuck says he wants to give his guys a little latitude, "but the climbing part—that's one of the most dangerous risks when going around the island.

Below the site, around the perimeter of the valley is a physical fitness running track for and a weight room.

"It's not a Worlds Gym, but it's fairly complete", said Yuchuck. "We get a well rounded work out."

Previous units have left their mark at OP 3-11. Along the valley crests, units have arranged stone markers to signify their unit. After soldiers from the previous rotation left the 125<sup>th</sup>, didn't hesitate to make



*A Co. 1-125 (Vikings) make their mark on the island Observation Post 3-11 is positioned on.*



*A sign welcoming visitors to OP 3-11 sits near the helipad as incoming guests approach.*

their mark along the side of a hill. TF 1-125, OP The Rock flashes off the hill with white stone markers.

Initially, Yuchuck was concerned with the operations of the site, "because the training received at the mobilization station (Camp Atterbury, Ind.) was basically out of a book. What really helped us was coming out here a head of time and working on site with the previous rotation."

A typical day at OP 3-11 includes observer and report operations, maintenance, physical fitness, and downtime. Spc. Donald L. Freeman, also with the 125<sup>th</sup>, is a medical specialist for the site. His job is to make sure the water balances and the latrine is biodegrading properly. Freeman said it's everything he expected.

"I pull guard duty, inspect the drinking water, and test and inspect the latrine facility," said Freeman.

The site is also outfitted with two K-9s. Moppet, a six year old male and Rendezvous, an 11 year old female help pull security for the site.

"They perceive anyone as walking outside the wire a great threat to the site, plus they keep the stray wild dogs on the island from getting to close to us," said Yuchuck.

After about 22 days, soldiers rotate off site and are flown back to South Camp. There they have opportunities for morale, welfare, recreation tours, conduct company level training, and some soldiers prepare for the Expert Infantry Badge

"If it's all the same to me, there's too much brass back at South Camp, out here (OP 3-11) nobody messes with you... too much", said Freeman.





# Training heats up for local firefighters

## The 1440th trains with Iraqi firefighters

*Story by Spc. Gretel Sharpee*

For the first time, a group of Iraq Airfield Firefighters from the Mosul Fire Department suited up next to a group of firefighters from the 1440th Engineer Detachment as they prepared to train on interior firefighting tactics.

This training was not always a possibility for the Iraqi firefighters, who just recently received Self Contained Breathing Apparatus', allowing them to fight fires from inside the smoke filled buildings. Since the arrival of the new equipment and with the training from the Coalition forces, the Iraqi firefighters are moving one step closer to becoming a self-sufficient firefighting force.

"Iraq is currently developing a training standard for all fire departments, which they didn't have before," said Staff Sgt. Todd Dittenber, Fire Chief of the 1440th, headquartered in Grayling, Mich. "There shouldn't be any difficulty in getting the Iraqi Airfield Firefighters to meet and exceed those standards."

Teams of Iraqi and Coalition forces firefighters train side by side, entering the building that has been built specifically for training. Each man entering the smoke-filled building has to rely on the firefighter next to him to accomplish his job safely. Once they enter the building, they go through each room, looking for casualties and the source of the fire, as they work their way to the back of the building. Since the exercise is focusing on interior movement tactics only, once the fire is found and the exercise is complete, the next team can go in.

"The Iraqi firefighters received the training very enthusiastically," said Dittenber, who is from Au Gres, Mich. "Many of them were firefighters for the city of Mosul prior to liberation so it's not a case of us retraining them; it's us working together with them to improve."

The training has recently focused on extinguishing structural fires from inside the building as opposed to only fighting it externally. Firefighters also train on tasks, such as entering a burning building, search and rescue, hydraulic ventilation, hose operation and aircraft fires, since the firefighters work on an airfield.

"This training will be completed by September and our fire chief will be able to sign off, saying these Iraqi firefighters have met the standards that are being developed," said 1st Lt. Gary J. Beelen, 1440th Fire



*The first Iraqi firefighter enters the smoke-filled building from the outside doorway carrying the water hose. Photo by Sgt. Charles Hale, 1440th Engineer Detachment*

Marshall, from Madison Heights, Mich.

The Iraqi firefighters that train with the Americans everyday do not speak fluent English but it is obvious that camaraderie has developed between the two groups.

"Ever since the Coalition forces arrived here, they have done nothing but help us train to be a better firefighting team than we were before," said Mohammad Azez Mahmod, team leader for the Mosul Airport fire department. "We have better equipment and we are being properly trained on how to use it and how to maintain it. I have nothing but thanks for the Coalition forces; it has been very exciting for us in the last couple of months."

As the Iraq Airfield Firefighters continue to gain experience on their new equipment, the Coalition forces look forward to having them take responsibility of their city's fire safety.



# Where everybody knows your name

## Commemorative bricks for sale in support of landmark

By Maj. Michael Webster

Four score and seven years ago (87 years), the Camp Grayling Officer's Club opened and quickly earned the reputation of being a friendly place to meet, socialize, and relax while visiting the camp on official business or during annual training periods. Now, however, time has taken its toll on the building, removing some of the luster of days gone by, and a shortage of maintenance funds has not helped either.

Both Camp Grayling and the "O' Club" are the result of a gift from wealthy businessman Rasmus Hanson in 1914. Through the years, the Officer's Club has hosted numerous social functions and, on many occasions, Michigan governors have entertained there and stayed overnight.

With its paneled walls and ceilings, the Officer's Club presents an atmosphere reminiscent of a country lodge or bed and breakfast. The ten bedrooms located on the second floor, each present their own unique character. The mixture of antique and wicker furnishings convey warmth and comfort.

Since its completion in 1917, the Officer's Club has been a place where young and old converge to



*The officer's lounge where many have gathered over the years to socialize and reconnect..*

share experiences and war stories. The setting of the Officer's Club provides a refuge for promoting enduring friendships, connecting with long lost friends, and developing new bonds.

Today the club is showing its age and the realities of Michigan's harsh winters. To preserve this historic treasure, the Camp Grayling Officer's Club Fund was established in 2001.

One fund raising initiative is a commemorative brick sale. Guard members and friends may purchase a brick and have it etched with a brief memorial note. A flagpole will be erected and enclosed by an engraved brick memorial patio using these bricks. As additional memorial bricks are purchased, they will form a walkway leading from the club to the patio.

When officers and guests visit the memorial, the bricks are sure to stir up old war stories and create new memories. The tradition of the O'Club will live on.

For more information on the commemorative brick sale, visit <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/cgoom/bricks.htm>



*The social room where many events have been held in the 87 year history of the Officer's Club.*



# The passenger

By Staff Sgt. Jeramie Brown  
Air Force News Agency

Like most Americans, I find that I am pretty selfish sometimes. I learned just how selfish on a recent trip to Iraq. I was on a C-130 waiting to leave a location I can't spell or pronounce, when we got delayed. I was annoyed. I'd been traveling for hours. I was hot, tired, and ready to get there already. Then I found out, we were waiting on another passenger.

I didn't know his name. I say 'his' but I didn't know if he was a he or a she. I didn't know what branch of service he was in or what rank he was. All I knew was that this passenger cost me another hour and a half on that plane.

Little did I know how profound an impact this passenger would have on me. This passenger was a casualty of war.

The ground crew brought him on board in a body bag. They laid him between the jump seats and the cargo pallet and covered him with Old Glory. At that moment, I felt the heat of shame on my face. Who was I to worry about a few extra hours on a plane when he had given his life in this war?

By this time, everyone on board had stood up out of respect. When the passenger was secure, the lead sergeant called the plane to attention. Every man and woman, from private to colonel, snapped a crisp salute. It was a moment of perfect unity -- every eye on the flag, and every arm raised in respect. "Order arms! At ease." We quietly took our seats.

I don't know about anyone else on that plane, but I found myself contemplating what this passenger's sacrifice meant to me, to our country,

but mostly to his family. I found myself wondering what he gave up for the war on terror. Did he leave a wife behind? Did he have children who would never see their father again? What about parents,

*"At that moment, I felt the shame on my face."*

brothers, and sisters? How would his family cope?

Was the sacrifice he made for his country worth it? To his family, perhaps not. To the Iraqi families, maybe.

You see, I learned something else on this trip. I learned how the Iraqi people are living -- ramshackle houses, no cars, no central air. I also learned that, thanks to our efforts, some of the Iraqi children now go to school for the first time in years.

*"We have a responsibility to the people of this world, and not because we are a super power or have the best military in the world, but simply because we all share this planet."*

Clinics are opening all over the country and doctors are no longer afraid that if they misdiagnose someone it will cost them their lives.

I started thinking about my own family. How would my wife and children deal with my death if it came on this trip? How horrible would it be for my parents to outlive me? I thought of my brother and his family in California. How many times have I meant to call them only to get distracted and forget? I haven't seen them in almost four

years. My sister in Illinois hasn't seen me in a couple of years either. When was the last time I called her? Why haven't I e-mailed her or my niece lately?

We get so wrapped up in our lives that we forget about the other people in this world. We forget that not everyone lives in a free society. We

forget that sometimes you have to stand up for people who can't stand up for themselves. We forget that we have a responsibility to the people of this world, and not because we are a super power or have the best military in the world, but simply because we all share this planet.

What we can't forget is to tell the people who are most important to us how much we love them. Do something today that will make a difference tomorrow.

So to the passenger I say, "thank you." Thank you for serving your country. Thank you for standing up for people who can't stand up for themselves. Thank you for making the ultimate sacrifice. Most importantly, thank

you for making me realize that our time on this earth is never certain and we'd better do our best to make it worthwhile. May you rest in peace and happiness.

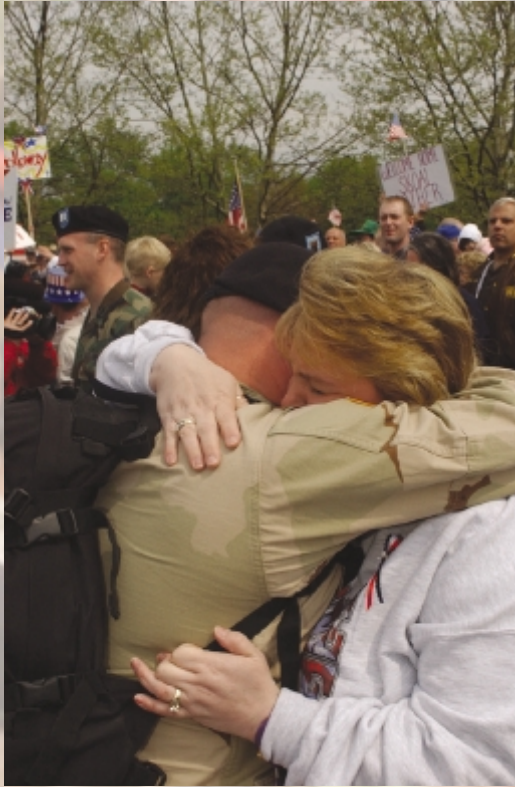
Now, if you will excuse me, I have to call my kids, my parents, my brother, my sister....





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# Michigan F-16s make history while Michigan Army and Air National Guard units team up

*By Maj. Jeff Webster*

When the 107th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, deployed to Kirkuk airbase, they became the first F-16 unit -- active or reserve -- to be based inside Iraq. During the 90 day deployment, they provided combat airpower for the Coalition Air Operations Center at Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar, and flew several hundred combat sorties. They proved close air support to the Army and Marines, and delivered airborne reconnaissance information to theater commanders.

However, when the 107th first arrived at Kirkuk, they found that while some improvements had been made, much work remained to provide proper force protection. "Some bunkers had been started but not completed," said Lt. Col. Glenn Schmidt, 107th commander. "Additional bunkers and taxiway improvements were also needed to protect our people and aircraft in case of an attack."

The 107th worked with the base civil engineering squadron to improve force protection, but other force protection priorities made the work slow. That's when the Michigan *Army* National Guard stepped up to the plate.

The 1438th Engineer Detachment from Grayling, Mich., was in the area and happy to team up with fellow Michiganders. The 1438th provided much needed engineering and utilities support, such as vertical and horizontal construction, carpentry, plumbing, and electrical work.

Before arriving in Kirkuk, the 1438th completed more than 600 combat service support missions while attached to the 101st Airborne Division in Mosul, Iraq. At Kirkuk, the 1438th repaired and constructed force protection measures at Iraqi police stations and checkpoints, repaired enemy prisoner of war facilities, and trained Iraqi Civil Defense Corps soldiers on heavy equipment operation.

"They are truly a remarkable bunch of soldiers and they never cease to amaze me with their professionalism and tenacity," said Capt. Jim Flowers, commander of the 1438th. "We consider ourselves lucky to have the 107th here with us, especially when their F-16's hit full afterburner directly over our area of operations at 0400 hours."



*A Michigan F-16 lands at Kirkuk airbase, marking the first F-16 unit -- active or reserve-- to be based inside Iraq.*

The 107th and 1438th worked together to construct bunkers, fill and move sandbags, and improve roadways in the F-16 complex. They built five new bunkers, finished three others, and completed a 300-yard extension to a gravel roadway. The roadway extension was critical because it allowed the 107th to move equipment to the primary maintenance hangar without driving over and possibly leaving debris on the flight line, a serious concern for F-16 jet engines. The work was difficult, but the defensive posture of the 107th quickly improved.

"We needed heavy equipment and the 1438th came through for us," said Schmidt. "Their help was invaluable."

In today's military, the term "joint" describes integration of all branches of service into a cohesive team utilizing active, guard and reserve personnel.

The 107th and the 1438th came together and provided a war-fighting capability to the nation. Together, they truly became "brothers and sisters in arms."





# Air Guard deployments, rotations continue

## C-130s head back to the desert

By Senior Airmen Alec Lloyd

The Global War on Terror is being fought on a variety of fronts. While efforts to keep supply lines open and treat casualties may not get headlines, they are a critical component of the mission and are often conducted under hostile fire. Under another new set of deployment orders, the 171st Airlift Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, is performing these exact type of missions, daily, in the Middle East, Africa, and elsewhere.

C-130 pilot 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Brett Bartnick was deployed for the first rotation from January to March. He said the operational tempo never really let up, with 16 to 18 hour missions virtually every other day. The grueling pace was trying for aircrews and maintenance alike, but Bartnick said morale remained high.

"Most people had the attitude of 'hey, this is what I signed up for, I'm doing my part,'" Bartnick said. "You feel rewarded."

Bartnick recalled an instance when the C-130 crews made a special delivery to the ground troops still fighting in Iraq.

"We brought Pizza Hut to the guys in Iraq," Bartnick said. "It's all about the front-line guys."



1st Lt. Brett Bartnick



1st Lt. Bethany Torma

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bethany Torma, also a C-130 pilot, agreed. "A simple item like pizza is a huge morale boost for the Air Force and Army alike." Both pilots couldn't help but smile as they told the story.

Torma described the living conditions as a harsh desert environment where three-minute showers were the rule in tent city, and where six to eight Guard members shared a tent.

"It was very dusty -- no matter where you looked, there were layers of dust. As soon as you stepped outside, you'd be coated with it and want to shower again."

Though many squadron members have returned, the mission continues as a new rotation of Selfridge members take their place.

"The sacrifice they and their families endure does not go unnoticed," said Lt. Col. David Miller, 127th Airlift Group commander "and they make us proud."

*"Most people had the attitude of 'hey, this is what I signed up for, I'm doing my part.'"*

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## Not just Nuts and Bolts

Staff Sgt. Ricky McLatcher uses a torch to construct a cage of steel that will be used with concrete to make a very solid wall. McLatcher is part of the 110<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron which went to southern Israel for annual training. The unit broke into teams and worked on buildings in the region that required repair. Some of the work included reinforcing columns, reinstalling doors, ceiling structures, windows and ventilation systems.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dale Atkins, 110th Figher Wing



# Homecoming: Resilience after wartime

By the American Psychological Association

Even when the war is over, stress and uncertainty can require the skills of resilience both from those coming home and from those who stayed home. Resilience is defined as the ability to adapt well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or other significant sources of stress.

Reuniting with family often is idealized as a quick, smooth return to “normal.” The reality may fall short of that ideal. Those returning from military service often are hit right away with a laundry list of problems, including bills, family disputes, and expectations that family interactions and intimacy will spring back to pre-war levels. Stress and anxiety can be the result of culture shock, with a quick flight from the foxhole to the front porch and no time to decompress en route. It may take some service members and family members time to readjust—and the failure to effectively manage during this period can create a great deal of stress, anxiety, frustration, and anger.

Returning to work creates other tensions. Employers of reservists may tend to underestimate how long it will take someone who’s been away to shift gears. Some employers may feel that they kept jobs open to do their part for America—now they want to get back to business as usual. Fellow workers may want to talk about the war when the returning employee wants to forget. Or conversely, fellow workers may not provide an opening for a service member who does need to talk.

How much stress returning military personnel experience may be affected in part by many factors:

- Extent to which their duty was dangerous (even if they were only awaiting this danger).
- Death or serious injury in their military unit.
- Possibility of exposure to chemical warfare or other weapons of mass destruction.
- Length of time they spent overseas.
- Exposure to dead and wounded (including enemy combatants and civilians).
- Past traumas, which can be heightened by the stress of war.
- Degree to which family dynamics have changed during their absence, such as increased dependency or independence on the part of children and a spouse.

Families have been stressed, too. The families of deployed personnel have had their own set of problems during the conflict, such as:

- Fear for the deployed family member’s safety.
- Disruption of established patterns and routines.

- Reduced income and increased financial worry.
- Negative reactions from children to sudden changes in the family environment.
- Need to develop new resilience skills, renewed family relationships, new friends, and support groups.
- Being overburdened by new roles and responsibilities.

Many families will continue to have pressures during the homecoming period, including:

- Being second-guessed for decisions made while a family member was away because of the war.
- Conflict over new relationships—such as a new baby and new friends.

- Shifts in decision-making.

- The fact that the family dynamics can never return to the idealized version of how they were before deployment.

The number and intensity of stressful experiences notwithstanding, most returning personnel and their families should be able to bounce back successfully. Even those who have learned resilience skills, however, should not expect homecoming to be effortless or free of emotion. It is quite normal to experience days or even several weeks of mild to moderate symptoms of depression, anxiety, and anger, even if the initial homecoming was full of joy. Children, for example, reassured with the safe return of a parent or sibling, may now feel they can express some of their negative feelings of fear or anger over what they may feel was abandonment. Normal is what works for you. There are no standard or normal stages for reentry. The process varies from person to person. Understanding that homecoming has its own brand of stress is a first step in the process of a long-term successful reentry for military personnel, their families, and the community.

## 10 tips for resilience during homecoming

- Early in the process, identify people who can help—a friend, clergy, mental health professional, financial advisor—and seek help if needed. Some of these sources can supply emotional support, while others can provide direct help with day-to-day problem solving. Resolve to be open about problems and work on solving them together, either with family members or those professionals who can help.
- Dismantle big problems into manageable smaller parts. Then attack and solve these parts as a means of rebuilding confidence. A step-by-step approach can eventually resolve the larger problem.
- Social involvement through religious organizations, hobby groups, exercise clubs, social groups, etc. helps

*Family dynamics can never return to the idealized version of how they were before deployment.*



individuals rejoin the community. Be an active player, not a passive victim.

- Don't wait to solve problems. Begin to work on them immediately; inaction can reinforce the feeling that a problem is out of your control.
- Seeking solace in drugs or alcohol not only fails to solve the problems at hand, but creates new ones.
- Family readjustment problems are normal. Don't blame others for your distress, and don't blame yourself excessively.
- Cynicism or excessive pessimism about life and the future can become self-fulfilling and have a negative impact on you and others. Keep things in perspective—not every problem is a catastrophe. Although it sounds simplistic, a positive outlook helps raise morale and increases resilience.
- Recall how you met past challenges and use those strategies to meet the stresses of homecoming. By facing current problems with an eye to solutions, you are more likely to achieve a sense of progress, of “getting ahead” with life.
- Realize that the stress of homecoming can magnify other daily stressors. Make allowances for yourself and your family.
- Accept some setbacks in the return to “life as normal” as inevitable, whether they be emotional, financial, physical, or job-related, but be aware that the skills of resilience can help you bounce back.

### *Children have some special needs*

Children will experience a wide range of stressful emotions and experiences around the war and homecoming, but are less likely than adults to speak directly about what bothers them. Their problems may be displayed in poor school performance; inability to get along with siblings, peers, or parents; or becoming withdrawn or accident-prone. For a child whose parent(s) went to war, the trauma of separation may have been severe. These children are more likely than adults to act out their feelings, in part because they have less experience in coping with life stress.

To help children deal with war-related stress, parents and teachers should:

- Listen to children's thoughts and concerns about the war in a nonjudgmental fashion.
- Provide warmth and reassurance, without minimizing the child's concerns.
- Avoid imposing their own fears on children. Adult difficulties should be worked out without burdening a child or expecting the child to support the adult for any prolonged period. Children can provide important love and comfort, but they need strong adult support to do so.
- Recognize that children, like most adults, will bounce back successfully. Relate this positive expectation to them, so that their past experience will not lead them to a pessimistic view of the future.

- Remember that a child often will mirror a parent's reaction. If parents demonstrate resilience, the child will have positive role models.
- Seek help from a mental health professional for the family if the family is unable to function on a daily basis.

### *Warning symptom checklist*

It's important to recognize the symptoms of stress that has not been effectively managed. Following is a checklist of warning symptoms:

- Guilt about actions or shame over some failure.
  - Excessive drinking or drug use.
  - Uncontrolled or frequent crying and other extreme reactions to events that normally would be handled more calmly.
  - Sleep problems (too little, too much).
  - Depression, anxiety, or anger.
  - Depending too much on others.
    - Verbal or physical family violence.
    - Stress-related physical illness (head and backache, gastrointestinal problems, poor stamina).
  - Inability to escape from horror scenes remembered from the war.
  - Difficulty concentrating.
  - Suicidal thoughts or plans.
- Families, too, may exhibit symptoms of stress that has not been dealt with effectively, including:
- Family conflict that is not resolved.
  - Family members becoming isolated from one another.
  - Over-dependency and clinging.
  - Scapegoating one or two family members (often children).
  - Disciplinary or academic problems in children.

If you or a family member continues to feel stress, anxiety, or frustration, or experience any of the negative signs of coping discussed here, asking for help can be one of the quickest ways to recover a sense of control and balance. For many people, using the skills of resilience will help with the homecoming. But for individuals—and for families—who are unable to perform the functions of daily life as a result of stress or trauma, seeking the help of a licensed mental health professional such as a psychologist can help them progress beyond the difficulties of homecoming.





# Soldier becomes a marrow donor

## A perfect match

*By Maj. Robert DeCoster, 110th Fighter Wing*

A string of events that began in 1997, recently culminated for Sgt. Scott A. Gowell, 1st Battalion, 126th Armor, Wyoming, Mich.

On May 13, Gowell traveled to Lake Zurich, Wis., to meet Ryland Kollar, a 14-year-old middle school student whose leukemia is now considered in remission thanks to a bone marrow donation from Gowell.

Gowell was working at the Hart-Dole-Inouye Federal Center in Battle Creek in early 2002 when he was contacted about being a match.

Gowell had signed up to be a marrow donor during a routine blood drive in 1997 while he was on active duty at Fort Carson, Colo. Five years later, he was somewhat surprised when the Department of Defense was able to locate him, after all those years.

After being identified as a match, Gowell underwent a variety of tests to further identify his compatibility.

After final confirmation in October 2002, the procedure was performed.

Gowell concurred that some pain was involved but all the discomfort was worth it and says he is surprised more people don't do it. "The initial test is no more painful than a normal blood donation."

The meeting between Gowell and Kollar was coordinated by the Make A Wish Foundation.

Kollar, who is on the road to recovery, expressed a desire to meet Gowell who was also excited to meet the young man. He did express a bit of nervousness about all the celebrity surrounding the event, however.



*Sgt. Scott A. Gowell*

# Just the FACs, nothing but the FACs

## Family Assistance Centers

Last November, the Michigan National Guard opened Family Assistance Centers in Lansing, Wyoming, Midland, Grayling, Sault Ste. Marie, and Ishpeming. Their function is to assist military families, especially when soldiers are deployed.

"Taking care of our families is just as important as buying the latest fighter jet, tank, or weapons system," said Maj. Gen. Thomas Cutler, the adjutant general of the Michigan National Guard. "There is a direct relationship between a soldier's ability to successfully accomplish a mission and the quality of life that their families experience."

The FACs are operated by the Michigan National Guard, however their doors are open to all branches of the Armed Services.

"It's not just National Guard families that need help," said Master Sgt. Janet Weber, state family readiness coordinator. "I get calls every day

from families of other services looking for answers about TRICARE (military healthcare), pay issues, financial assistance, or just an ear to listen to."

Contact your regional FAC at one of the following numbers.

Ishpeming - Mike Fraser - 906-486-8741

Sault Ste. Marie - Jerry McDonald - 906-632-7861

Camp Grayling - Jack Rasmussen - 989-344-6143

Midland - Nicole Addison - 989-835-8543

Lansing - Vicki Thompson - 517-334-6886

Wyoming - Randy Redburn - 616-249-2724



# Michigan tuition grant program

## For Guard members only

It's not too early to start thinking about fall college courses and as tuition continues to climb, Michigan Guard members may breath a sigh of relief knowing that 19 Michigan colleges and universities will give them a break. The colleges and universities listed below participate in the Tuition Grant Program. The tuition reduction amount is also listed.

Baker College	30%	Northern Michigan University	45%
Cleary University	30%	Oakland University	25%
Ferris State University	25%	Olivet College	45%
Kalamazoo Valley Community	25%	Eastern Michigan University	45%
Kirtland Community College	25%	Siena Heights University	30%
Lawrence Tech University	25%	Spring Arbor University	30%
Mid Michigan Community	25%	Western Michigan University	45%
Rochester College	\$1000 per semester	University of Detroit Mercy	\$1500 per semester
Davenport University	\$27 off per credit hr	Walsh College	\$50 off per credit hour
Lansing Community College	virtual college course fees are waived		

*A note for Lake Superior State University students:*

*LSSU is not accepting new students for their grant program. Grant students who attended LSSU in Spring 2003 will be grandfathered into the program and will continue to receive the 45 percent discount on undergraduate tuition until they complete their eligibility, however, no later than Spring 2006. If a student enrolled for Spring 2003 but was called away for military reasons, the student is eligible for the discount and will also be grandfathered in. A student who received the grant prior to Spring 2003 but did not attempt to attend during Spring 2003 will not be part of the grandfathering.*

## Proud to serve again

**By Dr. David L. Ratajik, Michigan Program Director**

The Troops to Teachers program has a primary goal of recruitment and placement of active duty, reserve, and National Guard personnel into Michigan K-12 public schools. Although Troops to Teachers cannot alter or circumvent existing certification requirements, it helps veterans choose the best certification route and later, placement into appropriate school districts. The program is authorized and funded by the U.S. Department of Education, managed by the Department of Defense, and implemented through the Michigan Department of Education.

The Troops to Teachers program focuses on high needs, inner city, and rural schools, with emphasis on mathematics, science, and special education. Military members and veterans with a bachelor's degree are eligible for a stipend of up to \$5,000 or a bonus up to a \$10,000 to assist with certification costs. Both require a commitment to teach in a high needs school for at least three years.

Troops to Teachers has become a solid program and is growing in popularity throughout the United States. To determine eligibility, visit [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com) or contact the Michigan program director at (517) 373-9732.



# Cold weather and survival training at the “Cool School”

*Story and photos by Senior Master Sgt. John Loser*

It was early February in Alpena, Mich. Temperatures were in the low-to-mid 20s and there was more than two feet of snow on the ground. At the Combat Readiness Training Facility, 43 Guard members from Ohio, New York, Tennessee, Oregon, and Nevada checked in for the Medical Readiness Training Site “Cool School.”

“We teach medical practitioners and support personnel how to survive in a cold weather environment,” said Lt. Col. Steve Wabrowetz, lead instructor and environmental manager for the

148<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Duluth, Minn. “Until recently, there was no specialized cold weather training for medical personnel.”

“Michigan stepped up to the plate,” said Col. James Makowski, CRTC commander. “We looked for unique strengths and realized that Alpena gets a lot of snow which makes it an ideal location for the Cool School.”

“There has always been a history of those who can and want to fight in cold weather and those who can not or do not want to,” said Col. (Dr.) Michael Paletta, state air surgeon for the Michigan

Guard. “Many of the modern cold weather fighting and survival techniques came from the World War II Aleutian Campaign; although today, we have improved equipment clothing, and medical support for cold weather war fighting.”

The six-day course consists of three days in the classroom, two days in the field, and a half-day out briefing. Class time includes the basics of cold weather survival: clothing, shelter, fire building, food gathering, and medical training. Students get hands on training with equipment they will find in a



*Cool School students load a "patient" into a Coast Guard helicopter during a cold weather exercise. According to the scenario, the patient had several injuries and was suffering from exposure to the cold.*





deployed medical facility; conduct an exercise using a computer-based operating room patient simulator; and practice a surgical procedure to see how the simulator reacts to the medicines they use to anesthetize the patient and control the state of unconsciousness throughout the surgery.

During the second half of the course, the students leave the warm classroom and head to the field.

Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m., the 43 Guard members climb onto two buses—now considered simulated aircraft—for a simulated flight to a foreign conflict. The first aircraft has nearly all of the medical equipment they would need. The second has personnel and a few supplies. As the students prepared for what might lie ahead, an instructor informs them that the second aircraft has engine trouble and has made a forced landing. The aircraft is damaged badly and is no longer able to fly.

The students, who were previously divided into eight teams, found covered locations and immediately created expedient winter shelters using ponchos, evergreen tree limbs, snow, and whatever else was available on the ground. Each team built a fire. The instructors showed them several methods including rubbing sticks, graphite strikers, and common matches. Kindling used for fire building included steel wool, paper, twigs and – amazingly – potato chips. Master Sgt. Tedd Williams, a public health technician for the 148th, said that a large chip can burn for up to 10 minutes, giving a person sufficient time to build a fire.



*Rescuers aid an "injured" Airman during an exercise at the Medical Readiness Training Site, Alpena.*

Meanwhile the deployment command team manned a handheld radio to listen for communications from aircraft overhead and set up a personnel reporting system and site security.

Then, during a routine roll call, the students discovered that unit member Senior Airman Danielle Studer had “strayed off” in search of firewood.

The commander dispatched search parties and Studer was quickly discovered in a short time, pinned beneath a fallen tree. According to the scenario, she had severe injuries to her lower body and legs and was suffering from exposure to the cold. The team surveyed her situation, extracted her from under the tree, and provided first aid measures. Additional members arrived to help. They used a six-person litter carry to move her back to the base camp through nearly hip deep snow. Back at camp, the students stabilized the patient and prepared her for air transport scheduled for

the next day. The medical providers and staff rotated shifts as they tended to the patient for the next 12 hours. During that time, the trainers put each group through a series of emergencies to test their skills.

The Cool School students and trainers continued with several more exercises over the next 36 hours. By Saturday morning, it was obvious that their confidence had grown.

“These skills can save our lives. You never know when you will use them,” said Master Sgt. Les Szavuly, the Medical Squadron’s first sergeant.

Next year, at least one Cool School is scheduled; however, Makowske said that he would like to see as many as six Cool School classes a year.

For now, three seasons will come and go but when snow falls again, the Medical Readiness Training Facility will be ready to hang out the sign *that only they can display*, “Welcome to Cool School.”



# Michigan Army and Air National Guard Promotions

From January 1, 1004 through April 30, 2004

## Air Guard

### Col.

Reardon, Victoria A.

### Lt. Col.

Smith, Gary A.

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Nutt, Richard E.

Owens, Renna Y.

Routhier, David A.

Winn, Frederick A.

### Capt.

Gray, Grace A.

### 1st Lt.

White, Eric J.

### 2nd Lt.

Cavanaugh, Lawrence B.

Lennehan, Joshua T.

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King, Annie P.

Senior Master Sgt.

Bigham, Natalie A.

Bilyeu, Daniel M.

Cassada, Julie A.

Ferrari, James E.

Inman, Renee D.

Jones, Judith A.

Lasky, Daniel E.

Liggins, Anthony C.

Rose, Thomas E.

Suwinski, Michael J.

Swoveland, Danny R.

Tabor, Matthew K.

Vollmerhausen, Sheri R.

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Adkin, Scott A.

Frank, Todd M.

Freund, Brian W.

Glidden, Kenneth W.

Head, Eugene.

Howe, Duane M.

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Klik, Daniel J.

Koch, Christine M.

Labruzzo, Michael R.

Lahaie, Jeanne M.

Malave, Luis R.

McCauley, Russel C.

Misner, Laura D.

Pounders, Darrell B.

Roeding, Kenneth A.

Rutledge, Craig A.

Schroeder, Deborah L.

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Thomson, James R., Jr.

Watts, Andrew L.

Werth, Wayne V.

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Downey, James F.

Dujik, David D.

Farley, Ninette T.

Griego, Harry.

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Hannah, Rebecca M.

Helder, Allison D.

Hendrickson, Bobi A.

Kirstein, Jay A.

Marshall, Dionn.

Megowan, Christopher

Miles, Bradley W.

Oexler, David E.

Reck, Dana L.

Sims, Marin V.

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Ward, Brian K.

Wilkinson, Ricky A.

Yun, Yomin

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Craft, Brian A.

Davenport, Calvin A.

Davis, Tru C.

Digby, Elizabeth C.

Dukes, Allen G., Jr.

Ginzle, Michael G.

Haase, Cheryl M.

Halgren, David P.

Hansen, Katrina M.

Heinz, Corey J.

Heinzelman, Jamie J.

Hubbard, Jeffrey J.

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Jemison, Michael W.

Kershner, Robert W.

Kersner, Robert W.

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Knepp, Hope E.

Kozminski, Garrett L.

Laskey, Courtney A.

Long, Brian K.

Merwin, Jessica M.

Morgan, Gerald M.

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Netteljohnson, Jenell E.

Peplinski, Anthony M.

Rash, Timothy D.

Rutherford, Derek A.

Ryanmiller, Christina M.

Scholz, Christopher J.

Speas, Jeffrey P.

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Conniff, Austen D.

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Groom, Nicholas R.

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Ignash, Joshua E.

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Maskart, Marc D.

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### Airman

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Hewitt Jr

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Schramm, Erick R.

Spink, Megan E.

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Langlois, Brian E.

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Warner, Matthew T.

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Austhof, Jeffrey A.

Stone, Christopher J.

Roberts, John S., Jr.

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Kogut, Russell J

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Ashley, John Russell

### Warrant Officer 3

Bird, Ralph Patrick

Bruinsma, Joseph

Harold

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Galatian, Andrea Lynn

Salters, Debra Jean

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Bennett, Tracy A.

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Bockhol, Warren P., Jr.

Borden, Mary C.

Borucki, Sandra R.

Brinker, Shelley S.

Chapman, John H.

Christiansen, Kevin L.

Cingano, Derek S.

Clinton, Brian J.

Cook, James V.

Cooper, Thomas W.

Cortese, Scott D.

Cox, Earl G.

Dankenbring, Gerald A.

Darling, Benjamin R.

Dekraker, Michael J., Jr.

Dell, William L., Jr.

Dillay, Lawrence J. II

Dorris, James A.

Earls, Summer K.

Ebsch, Christopher M.

Ellis, Douglas D.

Enderle, Duane H., Jr.

Ensing, David L.

Fahey, Thomas E.

Flatt, Ryan D.

Fries, Shawn M.

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Gould, Aaron M.

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Harrington, David P.

Harris, Curtis D.

Hauger, Jeffrey E.

Herring, Tony S.

Hildebrand, Phillip L.

Holmden, David P.

Howard, Warren G.

Hubbell, Arnold H.

Jenshak, Kevin J.

Johnson, Darnell M.

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Redding, Tyrone L.

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Robertson, Scott K.

Romain, Donald L.

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Rusaw, Robert D.

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Umlor, Judy L.

Warren, Benny L.

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Williams, Vincent E.

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Alvesteffer, Anthony J.

Anderson, Chester G.

Anderson, Laurence C.

Arendsen, Patrea J.

Barco, Filomeno

Barron, Richard

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Baumgartne, Robby

Beller, Nicholas S.

Bilyou, Robert A., Jr.

Bowers, Miranda S.

Browning, Peter R.

Cain, Jason D.

Call, William J.

Carlson, Clinton C.

Chapman, John H.

Christiansen, Kevin L.

Cingano, Derek S.

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